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Local Matters.

Visiting Firemen.

Hydrant Fire Co. No. 1, of Bristol, with Messrs. W. H. Thompson, J. J. Christie, Charles Church and J. Howard Manchester, of the Town Council, and Town Clerk Herbert Bennett, as guests, made an excursion to Newport yesterday, reaching here at 11 o'clock on the General Bartlett. The visitors were received at the landing by Redwood Hose Co. No. 8, Capt. Percy A. Austin, foreman, and escorted over a circuitous route to the latter's engine house, and thence to Casino Hall where a sumptuous dinner was provided. Here they were joined by members of the local city government, Chief Tilley and the Board of Fire Wardens and a general good time was enjoyed. After the dinner had been disposed of and the participants had become rested from their tramp, drags were taken for a drive over Ocean Avenue and to the various points of special interest about the city. The visitors were accompanied by the National Band and the local Company had the Newport Band until 2 o'clock, when they were turned over to the Pharmacists. The "Bristolians" took leave of their hosts at the wharf at 6 o'clock thoroughly well pleased with their day's entertainment.

Congratulating His Honor.

Wednesday evening some thirty or forty of the leading men who were interested in the re-election of Mayor Powell, called upon His Honor to tender their cordial congratulations. Headed by Alderman Greene they all, upon invitation, entered the Mayor's villa and were most pleasantly received by the host. When all had been seated Alderman Greene made a few exceedingly appropriate remarks bearing testimony to the great energies that had been put forward in the good cause, and promising the Mayor the cordial support of the City Council during the coming year. Mayor Powell replied most felicitously thanking all the callers for the interest they had manifested in him, and declaring that it was his full purpose to support the laws. Alderman Greene then called upon a number of gentlemen present to say a few words and there were ready responses to the invitation. The call was most thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Pharmacists in Excursion.

The American Pharmaceutical Association which has been in session in Providence during the past week made an excursion to Newport yesterday, 300 strong. They were in charge of Dr. Wm. H. Cotton, who is one of a committee of six of the Association, and reached here shortly after 2 o'clock after having disposed of a Rhode Island clam bake at Crescent Park. Drags which were in waiting at the landing were quickly filled and a drive taken over Ocean Avenue, stopping at the life saving station where refreshments were served and an exhibition drill by Capt. Gould and his crew witnessed. The visitors took their departure about 5 o'clock.

The Citizens' Cup Race.

The Citizens offer of cups, to be raced for over the Saw-and-Pigs course, has been accepted by the regatta committee of the New York Yacht Club, and the race will probably be sailed for next Wednesday or Thursday. The Mayflower and Galatea will be among the contestants and will also the Priscilla, Puritan and Atlantic. The leading schooners of the N. Y. Y. C., will also be entered.

Commander William B. Hoff, U. S. N., lectured Wednesday before the War College Class on "Naval Tactics," and Lieut. Tucker H. Bliss, U. S. Army, delivered a lecture on Infantry tactics.

Yesterday being the 73d anniversary of Perry's victory on Lake Erie a salute was fired at noon by a gun squad from the Artillery Co.

A large excursion reached here Thursday over the Old Colony road.

Obituary.

The sad intelligence of the drowning on Sunday last in Flushing Bay, L. I., of Frank Anderson, formerly of this city, was received here on Sunday evening in time for his father and brother to take the boat for New York in the evening. The particulars as we have been able to glean them, are, that the deceased, with two friends, Whitthrop B. Sears and Charles Knapp, went out rowing, young Anderson sitting in the bows of the boat with an umbrella spread to act as a sail, when one of the friends called to him to take an oar and assist in rowing. This necessitated a change in his position in the boat, and in doing this the boat was capsized and all were thrown into the water. Knapp was saved by clinging to the upturned boat. The others became exhausted and were drowned, their bodies were not recovered until Tuesday when they were found in close embrace. Says it is said, was an expert swimmer, and it is probable that in his attempt to assist his friend, he was gripped by him in such a manner as to hamper his movements, and this caused the drowning of both. The remains arrived here on Thursday morning, and the funeral services were held in Trinity church in the afternoon.

Frank was the third son and fourth child of Gorton and Sarah E. D. Anderson, and was born in Newport, January 22d, 1802. The bereaved parents will have the sympathy of the entire community in this hour of their sad bereavement.

Let Us Have the Truth.

Our neighbor of the News announces in several places in Thursday's issue that certain gentlemen declined to have their names used for school committee at the late election. We can only say that these gentlemen were asked on the day of the election to allow a public announcement to be made that they were not candidates and they declined to do so. Furthermore, the friends of these gentlemen had active workers caring for their tickets in nearly every ward in the city all day, and in some wards there were at least half a dozen paid workers. We make no objection to the friends of opposition candidates doing all they can for them, but it seems to us that it would be just as well to have the truth told. If these gentlemen were not candidates why would it not have been just as well for them to have found it out on the day of the election and not wait till after the votes were counted to discover that they were not running. We do not presume that either of the gentlemen alluded to was in the field of his own accord. They were simply being used by certain evil disposed persons to work out their own personal spite.

Loss of a Pastor.

Rev. Frank Reitor, who, for upwards of five years, has been the highly esteemed pastor of the Second Baptist church in this city, which has greatly prospered under his ministry, has the unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Fitchburg, Mass., which has a membership of four hundred and a fine brick meeting house, and a salary of \$2000. The call has been accepted, and he will commence his new pastorate about the first of November. Mr. Reitor has made hosts of friends in this city during his stay among us and his departure will be a great loss to his church and the people in general. The church over which he is called to preside is said to be one of the best in northern Massachusetts.

A citizens mass meeting was held at the Opera House Monday evening in the interest of Col. John Haver Powell's re-election to the office of Mayor. There was no mistaking the public sentiment and the predictions there expressed were realized on Wednesday. Hon. Wm. P. Sheffield presided and the speakers included Rev. Messrs. M. Van Horne, F. W. Ryder, H. N. Jeter, Father Dornan, and Father Coyle, and Messrs. H. H. Fay, J. P. Sanborn, L. D. Davis and Geo. A. Littlefield.

Capt. H. B. Ryder who was in Charleston, S. C., during the earthquake sends us the Charleston papers containing graphic accounts of the terrible days in that afflicted city. It is difficult at this distance from the scene to imagine the terrible disaster in all its horrors. The Captain escaped uninjured.

The four days' out door meetings at Southwick's Grove closed last night. They have been very successful from the beginning and grew more interesting each day. The presiding elder of the district, Rev. Mr. Jordan, was present and preached a powerful discourse Thursday evening. The attendance was large.

On and after Thursday next the 7.30 trip of the Newport and Jamestown steam ferry boat, Committed, from Jamestown, and the 8 o'clock trip from Newport, will be discontinued.

Mr. George P. Hammett, of Springfield, a native of Newport, is passing a short vacation in town.

Mrs. John A. Stevens.

This lady, whose death in the eighty-eighth year of her age on Friday of last week is noticed in the New York papers, has been for half a century a frequent summer visitor of our city, her earlier visits going back to the years when Hazard kept the well known Inn on Easton's Pond, the old Gibbs farm. The daughter of Benjamin Weld of Boston, she was connected with many of our old Rhode Island families, the Dyers, Dorrs and Churches. Through her father's mother Hannah Church she descended directly from the famous Benjamin Church of King Philip's war whose family estates were at Little Compton. Her husband, John A. Stevens, passed the last summer of his life here in 1874, he is well remembered as the financial adviser of Mr. Chase, Secretary of the Treasury, and as the President of the Associated Banks which supported the government throughout the Rebellion. One of the daughters of Mrs. Stevens and her namesake was, as the wife of General Robert B. Potter, for many years a resident at "The Rocks."

Concert and Festival.

The promenade concert and festival of the Father Mathew T. A. Society opened at Music Hall on Monday evening and continued through Tuesday and Wednesday evenings when it closed with most gratifying results. It was a grand success from beginning to end. The prizes on the admission tickets were drawn on the closing night and awarded as follows: 1st prize, a full dress suit of clothes from the Newport One Price Clothing Co., won by Miss Mamie Toomey; 2nd prize, a barrel of Jones' O. O. flour, from J. A. Eddy, won by Eugene Sullivan; 3rd prize, a ton of coal from Brown & Howard, won by Patrick Keenan; 4th prize, has not been called for yet.

The voting was decided as follows, the vote for the most popular coachman was won by T. J. McDonald, whip for popular cab driver, Richard Lawton, teamster's whip by Cass Mallock, Indian club, Michael Sullivan of the down town gymnasium.

Newport Not Wholly Forgetful.

In accordance with his custom for the past twenty-five years, when ever any great distress befell a people, Postmaster Coggeshall has placed a box at the Post Office for the deposit of contributions for the Charleston sufferers. These deposits, most of which are in aid-bills, but a few being as high as \$5.00, has reached \$50.00. As soon as the sum reaches \$100, Mr. Coggeshall will forward it to the postmaster of the suffering city.

The box, which, by the way, is the same as has been used by Mr. Coggeshall during his long term of office, was put in place last week Friday, and the amount for the first installment is expected to be reached by to-day.

Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

The following is the list of subscribers to date to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument fund of this city:

Chas. E. Lawton	\$25.00
Rev. Gen. Peckham	25.00
Col. Wm. P. Sheffield	25.00
Dr. H. E. Turner	15.00
W. M. Seelye	10.00
John Carr	10.00
Thos. W. Pitney	10.00
Philander Shaw	10.00
W. J. Galvin	5.00
Benj. F. Tanner	5.00
Thos. W. Wood	5.00
Smith Baworth	5.00
Wm. Mathers	5.00
Geo. F. Chase	1.00
C. H. Hammett	1.00
W. J. Peckham	1.00
A. J. Ward	2.50
Rein. Ward	2.50
A. C. Blackstone	1.00
Sig. B. Coffe	2.00
John Shepley	1.00
Total	\$129.00

Washington County Fair.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week the annual fair of the Washington County Agricultural Society will be held on the Society's grounds near the Kingston Station. This Society always has a good show and this year they promise a better one than ever. The Washington County Society deserve high commendation for the great interest every one takes to present the agricultural affairs of the county in the best manner possible, and the exhibit they present is worth going a long way to see. The Wickford line will sell excursion tickets to Kingston and return at reduced rates.

Grand Army Excursion.

Prescott Post No. 1, and Slocum Post No. 10, of Providence, made an excursion to Newport, Thursday, having as guests Lincoln Post of Newark, N. J. They arrived by the Day Star at 3.30, having enjoyed a clam bake at Crescent Park, and were met by a committee from the local Post. A drive was taken in drags to Bailey's Beach and the site of the old Fort Mifflin, returning in time to depart at 6 o'clock. The visitors numbered about 400.

The third anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Gardner Commandery was appropriately celebrated at Odd Fellows Hall Thursday evening. Interesting and timely remarks were made by Revs. M. Van Horne, F. J. Cooper and others, showing a most gratifying condition of affairs, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

CITY COUNCIL.

Monthly Meeting—Routine Business, Etc.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held for September on Tuesday evening, with a full membership present.

Finance report No. 6 was read and received and the following bills ordered paid from the several appropriations:

City Assessor	\$63.85
Engine and Pump	86.81
Fire Department	2,497.32
Watch and Police	2,507.32
Streets and Highways	5,312.33
Watering Streets	1,249.80
Laying Sewers in Elm and Poplar Streets	829.52
Books, stationery and printing	103.47
Incidentals	689.31
Salaries	894.17
Fifth Ward Schoolhouse	5,617.00
Renovating House Off.	231.56
Water Supply	2,576.00
Dog Fund	4.00
Burial Ground	50.00
Public Fontains	6.89
Coggeshall Burial grounds	10.13
Ward Meetings	4.70
Lighting Streets	2,301.46
Board of Health	172.57
Total	\$23,594.08

The Finance Committee further reported and on its recommendation a resolution was passed authorizing the issue of coupon bonds for \$16,000, to run twenty years at not more than 4 per cent interest, for the completion of the 5th Ward School building.

On recommendation of the committee on Streets and Highways, Summer street was ordered graded and repaved at a cost not to exceed \$900.

The report of Street Commissioner H. A. Bentley, showing an expenditure on streets of \$8,912.05, was read and received.

The report of the Fire Department committee, representing that the \$700 appropriation for the heating of No. 2 engine house was \$114 less than the lowest bidder for the work, was read and received and the necessary amount appropriated.

The committee on the claim of Peter Knowe reported adversely and the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

The petition of John Carr and others, for a sewer in Willow street was referred to the Highway committee. The petition of H. Bull, Jr., representing that the telephone plant was over taxed, and asking for a consideration of the matter, was referred to the Assessors of Taxes. The petition of H. A. C. Taylor and others, that carts in streets be watered on Sunday, was referred to the committee on Streets and Highways. The petition of Policeman Geo. A. Wilcox, asking that he be allowed the six days' pay which was deducted for absence during the fatal illness of his late wife, was read and the prayer unanimously granted. The petition of A. C. Tullis, as mortgagor of Music Hall, representing that that property is taxed for \$4000 while it is in the market for \$1000, and asking that said tax be reduced to the latter figure, was referred to the Assessors of Taxes. Mrs. J. K. Anstin was allowed expenses for damage caused her drain in laying Mill street sewer. The ten per cent. penalties for non-payment of curbstone tax, assessed against Chas. E. Gladding and Mrs. A. De Fray, were ordered remitted on payment of principals. The petition of S. Hamilton and others, asking that the name of Filmore street at the lower part of the city be changed to Brenton road, was referred to the Highway committee. The petition of Samuel McAdam and others, for a street lamp on Bay View avenue, was referred to the Gas and Lamp committee with power. The applications of A. A. Willough and Eugene C. O'Neill for remission of taxes were referred to the Assessors.

On recommendation of the committee on City Property a contract for the erection of the addition to the Station House in accordance with plans and specifications, was authorized with Peter Knowe at \$2,299.

On recommendation of the Gas and Lamp committee one street light was ordered on Waite's wharf and one on Clay street.

On recommendation of the committee appointed to consider the petition of Hiram Murray the petitioner was given leave to withdraw.

A resolution was passed fixing the salary of Mayor and City Treasurer for the ensuing year at \$1000 and \$1200 respectively.

The report of the Board of Health was read and received.

Numerous hackney carriage and other licenses were granted in the board of Aldermen.

Too Much Fog.

The second contest between the now world-famed yachts Mayflower and Galatea which was to have been sailed yesterday, proved a failure because of inability to cover the required distance within the limited time. The racers crossed the line between 11 and 12 o'clock in the midst of rain and fog but with a twenty-four knot breeze and a grand contest was looked forward to; the result was a disappointment to everybody. The next attempt will be made to-day when, let us hope, better results will be obtained.

The building long known as the "studio" on Prospect Hill and Corner street is being repaired and painted. It is now occupied by W. C. Noble, the artist, who has made a plaster cast of Mayor Powell and has other art work on hand.

The City Election.

The battle has been fought and the people have declared that they are in favor of sustaining a man who has done his duty in office. There never was any serious question as to what the verdict would be, but it was known that there was a good deal of opposition to Mayor Powell for reasons that will readily suggest themselves to the readers of the MERCURY. The result of the contest must not be taken as any indication of feeling against the gentlemen who permitted the use of their names in opposition to Mayor Powell, but rather that the voters, or at least a majority of them, were in favor of sustaining the present incumbent of the office of Mayor. The circumstances of Mayor Powell's candidature were peculiar and the result was looked forward with intense interest, not only by the people of this city, but by many throughout the state. The question is now settled, and well settled, and the people by their votes have said, as we understand it, not that they want a particular man or do not want other particular men, but that they approve of a rigid enforcement of the law. The result of the voting, therefore, leaves Colonel John Haver Powell not only Mayor but Mayor-elect by a majority of 408 over all.

The contests in three wards over the Common Council tickets were very exciting. In the first ward there was no election for second councilman. In the second ward Lawton and Barker beat Willough and Peckham, and in the fifth ward ex-Councilman O'Neill and Councilman Boyle beat ex-Alderman Cottrell and Thomas Cassidy. Following is a detailed official account of the voting throughout the city:

For Mayor.						
Wards	1	2	3	4	5 Total	
John Hara Powell	235	240	233	169	1077	
Robert S. Franklin	9	73	14	30	267	
Stephen P. Slocum	7	65	36	109	358	
Scattering	1	0	0	1	2	
Majority for Powell, 111.						
For City Treasurer.						
D. M. Coggeshall	159	126	147	112	545	
FOR ALDERMEN.						
1. William Hamilton	251	255	246	228	1000	
Scattering	2	2	1	2	7	
2. Thos. P. Peckham	201	249	247	234	1032	
Scattering	0	1	0	0	2	
3. Edward Newton	253	274	235	222	1187	
Scattering	2	12	6	0	24	
4. William O. Greene	289	210	223	210	1133	
Scattering	3	6	16	4	28	
5. John G. Weaver	285	241	240	230	1212	
Scattering	2	3	6	0	11	
6. Jera W. Horton	390	265	247	243	1345	
Scattering	0	1	0	0	1	
FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.						
Nathan Barker	229	241	225	224	1319	
John Gilpin	263	244	226	226	1359	
John P. Sanborn	234	187	159	86	827	
Frank G. Harris	217	164	117	78	754	
Thomas T. Carr	24	191	150	171	546	
William S. Cranston	32	99	130	173	705	
Scattering	0	1	8	0	9	
The first four were elected.						
PROPOSITION						
For \$35,000 for the completion of the Marsh street sewer.						
Yes	102	141	106	66		
No	105	89	72	76	412	
Majority for, 144.						
City Council.						
First Ward.						
John D. Pike	222	John C. Stoddard		141	Majority for Pike, 363	
SECOND COUNCILMAN.						
W. H. Bliss	122	E. G. Young		129	Edwin D. Jones 181	
No choice						
Second Ward.						
Chas. H. Lawton	258	Wm. F. Willough		141	Majority for Lawton 258	
THIRD WARD.						
Ezra J. Barker	220	Wm. A. Peckham		140	Majority for Barker 220	
FOURTH WARD.						
Harwood E. Read	221	Scattering		14	Majority for Read, 213	
FIFTH WARD.						
John H. Crosby	141	Scattering		5	Majority for Crosby, 225	
SIXTH WARD.						
John Waters	263	Scattering		2	Majority for Waters, 261	
SEVENTH WARD.						
William M. Austin	201	Scattering		2	Majority for Austin, 202	
EIGHTH WARD.						
Thomas J. O'Neill	192	James H. Cottrell		138	Maj. for O'Neill 192	
NINTH WARD.						
Patrick J. Boyle	191	Thomas F. Cassidy		126	Majority for Boyle, 71	

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Chas. H. Lawton 258 Wm. F. Willough 141

Majority for Lawton 258

THIRD WARD.

Ezra J. Barker 220 Wm. A. Peckham 140

Majority for Barker 220

FOURTH WARD.

Harwood E. Read 221

Majority for Read, 213

FIFTH WARD.

John H. Crosby 141

Majority for Crosby, 225

SIXTH WARD.

John Waters 263

Majority for Waters, 261

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A Delightful Crabbing Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher M. Adams, of New York, who are occupying the Davis chalet near Bailey's Beach, gave a very delightful crabbing party Monday for their young daughters, the Misses Marion and Lillie Adams. Mr. Walter H. Lewis accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Adams and there were also present about forty young ladies and gentlemen who were taken by the veteran whip, Mr. S. S. Vans, in one of Stewart's four-horse drags to Price's Neck where a most successful catch of the animal of the crustacea class was had. Pinard served an elegant coll

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